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1. It was learned between mid-May and early July 1950 that a VP Bereitschaft, numbering about 1,000 police, was billeted in Spinnhuette, an installation of 5 three-story barracks near the Apolda (N 52/J 67) slaughterhouse. *
2. Police drilling and training with two German 88-mm AA guns were observed in the yard of these barracks in mid-April 1950.
3. It was observed in early July 1950 that a temporary barracks with class rooms and an orderly room had been erected in the billeting area. A garage about 40 meters long was under construction.
4. Four new trucks [redacted] were seen entering Spinnhuette in early July 1950. They allegedly came from the U.S.S.R.
5. The VP were drilling at an athletic field east of Spinnhuette; training with AA guns, as seen in April 1950, was no longer observed.
6. The former Rheinmetallwerk, occupied by about two Soviet engineer companies until early May 1950, was vacant but guarded by Volkspolizei. [redacted] this installation will also be used by the VP.

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* Comment. [redacted] the 1st VP Bereitschaft (Arty) is stationed in Apolda. Its equipment consists of 105-mm and 150-mm howitzers. [redacted]

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